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For: **“VOICE COMMUNICATION**  
**CONCERNING A LOCAL ENTITY”** ) Our Ref: 300200342-01  
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 ) Re: ***Utility Application***  
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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 20, 2004, an initial response to which is due no later than **December 20, 2004**, Applicants submit this paper. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.